

BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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BCSGA COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Tuesday, Feb 28, 2017

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

BCSGA Boardroom

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL*

A majority quorum must be established to hold a bonafide meeting

The following members were present: Senator Salcido, Senator Limaco, and Senator Parks

The following members were excused: Senator Cooper

The following members were absent: None

3/4 members were present, quorum has been established, and a bonafide meeting can be held.

3. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

The Body will consider any amendments to the agenda.

Seeing no amendments to the agenda, the agenda has been adopted as amended.

4. CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES

The Body will discuss and correct minutes from previous meetings.

- a. The Body will consider the approval of unapproved minutes from the meeting held on February 14th, 2016.

Seeing no correction to the minutes, the minutes have been approved as amended.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT*

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Senator Salcido: The Assessment Center will be giving students the opportunity to pilot a new assessment test for English and Math. Students who participate will be given a \$20 Amazon gift card for each test completed. The deadline for the pilot testing is April 4th.

6. INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

The Chair shall recognize any officer of the Association, including the BCSGA Advisor, to offer a report on official activities since the previous meeting and make any summary announcements deemed necessary for no longer than five minutes.

- a. Chair *Salcido*
No report.
- b. Senator *Cooper*
No report.
- c. Senator *Limaco*
No report.
- d. Senator *Parks*
No report.
- e. BCSGA Advisor, *Dr. Damania*
No report.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Items listed have already been discussed once and thus are considered for approval by the Body

- a. Thanksgiving Holiday Extension Survey Update
Discussion:

Notes:

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Senator Salcido: We have just passed 300 students for the pilot survey for the Thanksgiving extension. We need at least 500 surveys to meet the 5% margin of error, which is needed to differentiate between in favor or not in favor.

Senator Limaco: Where do we stand on professor approval for distributing our surveys to their students?

Senator Salcido: President Frazer is in charge of the emails that are sent to professors regarding the surveys. Initially we sent out 25 emails but only half have responded back. We've already completed our random sample, now with these convenient we should be able to meet our 500 mark. Go ask classes who've not yet been contacted about the survey. Once we have all 500, we can present it to senate.

b. Armed Security on Campus Discussion

Discussion:

Senator Salcido: As of right I am still trying to gather more information on this to see whether or not passing a bill is feasible. I have contacted Chair Holmes of Academic Senate but wasn't able to make it their last presentation on the matter. From what I understand it regards have our security personnel on campus armed. Current campus security would undergo training, receive a pay raise and have to undergo other requirements to be able to hold firearms.

c. Committee Purpose

- i. Delegation of ideas to be presented in individual report or via e-mail prior to following meeting

Discussion:

Senator Salcido: Last time we discussed this, Dr. Damania said that Academic Affairs concerns anything within the classroom. Our job is to bring things to the table that regard the academic environment at Bakersfield College. We create resolutions on concerns we get from the students and send those to those in charge who can make a change. If anyone has any concerns on campus or would like to discuss any ideas then please bring those ideas to the meetings, or contact me via email.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Items listed have not already been discussed once and thus are considered for approval by the Body.

a. CSU Tuition Increase – Opposition Resolution Requested by CSUB ASI

Discussion:

Senator Salcido: This was forwarded by the President of ASI on CSUB to us at BC. This potential tuition increase would require students to pay upwards to an additional \$400.00 to \$500.00 in fees per semester, however it would be covered by financial aid if students receive aid. The president wants us to create a resolution opposing the bill due to the fact that many of our students continue their education at CSUB and the tuition hike would affect them as well. If anyone has any comment on this please share, or request more time to look further into this issue.

Senator Limaco: When I began my road to college, the tuition has significantly lower than it is today and it is especially a concern due to the fact the economy no longer supports the average middle class family. I am personally opposed to any hike in tuition, especially if it effects the efforts students are making in continuing their education.

Senator Parks: I too am opposed to this tuition increase and strongly feel we need to do our best to allow every perspective student the opportunity to participate at our public institution. This tuition increase I feel does not fall in line with that mission.

Senator Salcido: The purpose of the tuition hike according to the president of ASI, is to pay for the construction of more classrooms at CSUB, as well as pay for current and new professors; this is where the controversy stands. CSUB, like BC, cannot continue to cater to the amount of students they are receive without sacrificing efficiency and effort. This tuition hike it meant to help the campus increase

its efforts in providing to its ever increasing student body on campus. Despite the need for an increase somewhere, I too do not agree with students having to bear the burden.

Senator Limaco: If what we are seeing at CSUB goes through, could it potentially happen at BC?

Senator Salcido: The CSU system varies differently than the CCC system does. Many here at BC are opposed to a tuition increase because we cater to so many backgrounds and students. They simply want us to show our support, they will be doing most of the lifting. As senators, the students have put their trust in our decision so while gathering student opinion is important, for this particular decision I believe we should make the choice ourselves, especially since most students have no knowledge. This is public knowledge, so if anyone wishes to share this with the public feel free. Does anyone wish to take up the job of drafting a resolution?

Senator Parks: I would be happy to draft a resolution.

Senator Limaco: I'll help in that endeavor

Senator Salcido: Great, have that completed and sent back to me to be approved or disapproved.

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Secretary Rodriguez: I suggest for creating a resolution to look at previous resolutions that have passed. I believe they can be found on the KCCD Committees website under BCSGA Senate Meetings. I am also undergoing a huge project to catalog previous resolutions and meeting minutes. Dr. Damaina is also a source for advice and information if you need it. The Measure J resolution is the most recent that we've passed so look to that as an example.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.